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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A HOST COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATION DEVICES ASSOCIATED WITH REMOTE DEVICES IN AN AUTOMATED MONITORING SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The *Notice of Allowance* from Primary Examiner Nabil M. El Hady of Art Unit 2154, dated 21 November 2005, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicants respectfully submit this *Response* with a *Request for Continued Examination* (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and an Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with the continuing duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to disclose to the United

States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") any information that may be material to

patentability of the above-identified Application, please find enclosed form PTO/SB/08A listing

references presently known to Applicants.

In accordance with current submission rules, Applicants submit paper copies of non-PTO

documents. Applicants also previously electronically filed ten electronic information disclosure

statements containing PTO documents. The electronic submissions were submitted on 5

December 2005. Applicant notes that reference citation numbers 42-46 and 58-59 are not

submitted herewith. Applicant is diligently searching for these references and will provide them

in a later submission.

The submission of this information shall not be deemed an admission that this

information is necessarily material to the patentability of the above-identified Application. In

addition, the submission of this information shall not be construed as a representation that a

search has been made.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit the RCE fee of \$395 from Deposit

Account 20-1507. No other fees are believed due, but the Commissioner authorized to charge

any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

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